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LOK SABHA

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. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TANNERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether leather industry has requested for financial assistance to set up water treatment facilities at the effluent treatment plants for small tanners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, Tanners of Leather Clusters from Ambur and Ranipet (Tamil Nadu); and Vijayanagaram & Neighboring Districts and Markapur in Prakasam District (Andhra Pradesh) had submitted proposals for financial assistance for up-gradation of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) under the Industrial Infrastructure Up-gradation Scheme (IIUS) being implemented by the Central Government. Further,tanners also applied for technology upgradation/modernization of tanneries under the Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS) Scheme which inter-alia includes water treatment facilities at effluent treatment plants.

(c) & (d): The Central Government has approved assistance for the Leather Cluster at Ambur amounting to Rs. 43.95 crore.Assistance is also being provided to tanneries seeking modernization/technology up-gradation under Integrated Development of Leather Sector(IDLS) Scheme which inter-alia includes water treatment facilities at effluent treatment plants at a rate of 30% of the cost for SSI units and 20% for Non-SSI units subject to a limit of Rs.50 lakh for both categories.